

**NEBRASKA MEDICAID MANAGED LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

October 16, 2013

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Lower Level Conference Room D  
Nebraska State Office Building  
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska

Members in attendance: Brian Allison, Keri Bennett, Heath Boddy, Kim Falk, Kathy Hoell (by phone), Tim Kolb, Julie Kaminski, Steve Morris, Marcia Muetting, June Pederson, Patty Pierson, Mike Schafer, Joni Thomas, Frank Velinsky

Members not in attendance: Janet Seelhoff, Natalie Torrez

DHHS staff in attendance: Julie Docter, Heather Leschinsky, and Courtney Miller

Introductions

Julie Docter welcomed the Council members and reviewed the Council's role and operational standards.

Council members and State staff introduced themselves.

Presentation

Heather Leschinsky reviewed an informational power point about Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS). The power point identifies the goals for MLTSS; explains what managed care is; provides examples of long-term services and supports; and identifies guiding principles established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for developing a managed long-term services and supports program. Additional handouts identified the target population for MLTSS and elaborated further on covered services. Ms. Leschinsky also introduced the Nebraska Medicaid MLTSS Charter to the Council, reviewed major milestones for program development, acknowledged the Town Hall meeting scheduled, and introduced the Council to the MLTSS website.

Council members asked a number of questions throughout Ms. Leschinsky's presentation.

Council Input

Council members:

- Recommended requirements for adequate provider payment;
- Recommended requirements for timely provider payment;
- Recommended consideration of higher rate of payment for some provider types, e.g., assisted living and nursing facilities; current rates do not cover costs;
- Recommended that a social model of care be used versus a medical model of care;
- Recommended that clients continue to be allowed to train their own providers, if they so choose;
- Requested that the Council has an opportunity to review the Request for Procurement (RFP) or at least portions relevant to each Council member;
- Recommended that services available through the HCBS Aged and Disabled Waiver not be reduced;
- Recommended that provider recruitment processes remain as is; and

- Recommended that MCO, by virtue of the RFP and resulting contract, be required to be transparent.

Tim Kolb asked that an article about managed care fraud be made available to the Council.

June Pederson asked what Nebraska Medicaid is expecting to happen during the upcoming Town Hall meetings. Ms. Leschinsky explained that we expecting to gain public input into the design, development and implementation of MLTSS.

#### Next Meeting

The work of developing MLTSS will guide the date for the next meeting which is expected to be in late January or early February. Tim Kolb asked that the date be made known to the Council as soon as possible.

The question was raised whether the Council will receive communication about MLTSS between meetings or just during meetings. Primarily communication will be during meetings but input may be requested between meetings if needed.

#### Public Comment

Members of the public:

- Requested public input on the RFP; expressed concern that the RFP might be written to cater to one MCO over another;
- Requested that MCO not be allowed to place rules upon company providers, in addition to those already placed upon them by the State.